

The Sabbath Recorder

Then Answered the Lord

The cry of man's anguish went up to God,
 "Lord, take away pain!
 The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made;
 The close coiling chain
 That strangles the heart; the burden that weighs
 On the wings that would soar —
 Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made
 That it love Thee the more."
 Then answered the Lord to the cry of the world,
 "Shall I take away pain,
 And with it the power of the soul to endure,
 Made strong by the strain?
 Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,
 And sacrifice high?
 Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire
 White brows to the sky?
 Shall I take away love that redeems with a price,
 And smiles with its loss?
 Can ye spare from your lives that would cling unto mine
 The Christ on His cross?"

— Author Unknown.

A number of young married couples with their families enjoyed camping at Camp Wakonda during the summer and report happy times together. The camp was in constant use by campers from the last of June until after Conference. Many of our Conference guests also made use of it.

At the hymn sing at Camp Wakonda, Sabbath afternoon, September 4, a new Estey portable reed organ was used. This organ was recently presented to the church and camp by Professor and Mrs. J. Fred Whitford in memory of their daughter Gladys.

Pastor Randolph was recently presented with a new pulpit robe as a birthday gift from friends.
 G. R. L.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — Seven young people attended our Mid-Continent Association Youth Camp, at Rocky Mountain Camp near Boulder, Colo., in June. Pastor Davis was one of the instructors.

The annual Sabbath school picnic was held July 25 in the August woods near Atchison. Over 100 people enjoyed the dinner and visiting. Mrs. Iris Maltby and son Allen, from New Jersey, who were visiting the pastor, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sharp and Nancy from New York came the greatest distance.

Pastor Davis spent his vacation in Verona, N. Y., then attended Conference at Milton, where he led the daily worship services at the Junior Conference. Deacon Asa Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Billy Stephan also attended Conference.

Miss Lois Wells, of Los Angeles, played the organ at the morning services, Aug. 28, in the absence of Mrs. Merlin Wheeler.
 — Correspondent.

No age has ever been without the voice of God. There have been, however, in every age, men without ears. — Selected.

Accessions

Milton Junction, Wis.

By letter:

Harris, Roy
 Loofboro, Clara (Mrs. Wesley)

Battle Creek, Mich.

By baptism:

Judy Corfitsen Mrs. Rachel Reames
 Mrs. Ira Williams Orland Reames

Marriages

Williams - Gray. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis., August 23, 1954, James Orson Williams, son of Mrs. Susie Bond Williams, Lost Creek, W. Va., and Donna Jean Gray, daughter of Donald Vincent and Caroline Randolph Gray of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage, Rev. John Fitz Randolph, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The new home will be at Lost Creek, W. Va.

Births

Hansen. — A daughter, Karen Ann, to Edmar and Wanda Hansen, Milton Junction, Wis., on June 5, 1954.

Loofboro. — A son, Rodney Lee, to Carroll and Iva Belle Loofboro, Milton Junction, Wis., on July 3, 1954.

Hess. — A son, Jerome Willard, to Kenneth and Lois Hess, Albion, Wis., on July 7, 1954.

Cavinder. — A son, John Gary, to Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Cavinder of Tekonsha, Mich., on July 28, 1954.

Lewis. — A daughter, Kaye Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Damon Lewis (Lois Babcock) of East LeRoy, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1954.

Hanke. — A son, James Leonard, to Sgt. and Mrs. Rolland Hanke of Battle Creek, Mich., on Aug. 26, 1954. The father is stationed in a camp in South Dakota at present.

Obituaries

Davis. — Rev. Alva L., was born in New Milton, W. Va., on April 10, 1870, and died at East Aurora, N. Y., on Sept. 6, 1954. A service of prayer was held in East Aurora the night of Sept. 7 with Rev. Mr. Emmons of the Baptist Church in charge. Funeral services were conducted at Verona, N. Y., on Sept. 9, 1954, by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley and Pastor Victor W. Skaggs. The body was laid to rest in the Verona Cemetery.
 L. F. H.
 (More extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

Strother. — Charles Emmit, son of the late James L. and Phebiann Flowers Strother, was born in Harrison County, W. Va., on April 28, 1887, and died in Weston, W. Va., on Aug. 31, 1954.

Mr. Strother was a Spanish-American War veteran and a member of the Roanoke Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Those who survive are his wife, Eva B.; a foster son, Clarence McMasters, of Massillon, Ohio; two brothers, Hiram and Fred, both of Stinnett, Tex.; three sisters: Mrs. Libby Quick of South Dakota; Mrs. Lucy Currey and Mrs. Cora Stamm, both of Industrial, W. Va.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, at the Floyd Funeral Home in Weston. The American Legion Post of that city conducted the committal service at the grave. Burial was in the Mitchell Cemetery at Roanoke.
 R. E. Z.

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A West Coast Recorder Project

The Los Angeles Church is conducting an interesting Sabbath Recorder project. The Denominational Committee selected a large number of addresses from their mailing list and asked that sample copies of the Recorder be sent. Results of this subscription project are not yet apparent. We believe that if it is consistently followed up a number of these nonresident friends will feel closer ties to the local church and the denomination through the medium of the Sabbath Recorder.

OFF TO AFRICA

Your editor counted it a privilege to be one of the group representative of the great company who would like to have been present at the departure of our newest missionaries to Nyasaland, Africa. It is our hope that Recorder readers have carefully preserved the picture of Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson printed on the cover of the Sept. 20 Recorder and have read the Missionary Page of the Sept. 27 issue.

Amid the foreign accents and strange tongues with which one is surrounded at New York's International Airport, hasty farewells were spoken to this young couple as the Pan-American plane for London was called at 12:40 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21. We understood that with one brief refueling stop they would be in London early the next morning for a one-day stopover which they had not expected. At Nairobi there would be a two-day wait for another plane. The third plane was expected to land them at Blantyre, Nyasaland (about 40 miles from the mission station), on Monday, Sept. 27. Strangely enough, the ticket by air was almost exactly the same price as ship and railroad passage.

Our new representatives in one week's time turn their backs on the skyscrapers of the big city and the conveniences of modern life to dwell in a grass-roofed cottage and to plunge into new work in a strange land under a different flag. Of formal missionary preparation the Pearsons have had little. He received most of his ministerial training at Bob Jones University. She had her college work at Salem, W. Va. The last eight days in the homeland were spent at the home of the missionary secretary where as much briefing as possible was given. It is our opinion that, like young Timothy of Bible fame, their youth will not be despised, for they, too, have great love for the work and a strong desire to "preach the Word." With the two American nurses already on the field they should make an effective, indefatigable, spiritual team. There should be no question but that Nyasaland is now one of the major foreign fields of Seventh Day Baptists.

Those who stood on the observation deck, as the four motors of the big plane came to life and gracefully bore our representatives aloft on their first flight, were

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as follows: Rev. E. T. Harris, executive secretary of the Missionary Society; Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Pearson of Amsterdam, N. Y., father and stepmother of David; Rev. Frederick Frerichs, close friend of the Pearsons and pastor of the People's Christian Church in New York City; Carlton W. Wilson, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship in Philadelphia; Franklin A. Langworthy, president of the American Sabbath Tract Society; your editor, his wife, and son Ronald. There is no way of knowing how many others had really hoped to be present to wish them Godspeed. Pastor and Mrs. Holloway of Plainfield, Rev. John Schmid of Irvington, and Arthur Schoephlin of Brooklyn are known to be in the latter group.

LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER

The man whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates in His law day and night is declared in the First Psalm to be like a tree planted. What a wonderfully comforting thought. In Psalm 1 the great contrast is between the security and permanence of the righteous man as distinguished from the insecurity and temporariness of the chaff-like ungodly man.

The permanence of trees has been forced into the thoughts of your editor through several observations and experiences in northern New York State this past summer. Driving again over the three-fourths-mile stretch of road, where as a boy he trudged to the country schoolhouse, he was reminded that he once knew every fence corner and every deep snow-drift. Halfway along that road in earliest childhood there was the mystery of an abandoned cellar surrounded by untended shrubbery. Some time before his recollection the buildings of that farm homestead had been removed. The house, remodeled and repaired, stood between the house and barn on grandfather's farm as a woodworking and ironworking shop. It, too, had many thrilling memories extending up to the time of our going away to college. But down the road halfway to school, where buildings had once stood, there were two spreading sugar-maple trees that had been planted long before.

They loomed up in the distance whichever way one was walking. It seems as though we never passed them without thinking about them.

Now, more than 40 years beyond those first impressions of great trees, we find that one, at least, is still standing. The early settlers who planted them were never known to our generation. The old two-story shop, which as a growing lad we helped to reshingle, has vanished from the landscape. The old shade trees have lived a half century beyond the people and the buildings they once shaded.

In the outskirts of the village of Adams Center, in our boyhood days, in a squatty old house, lived a lady who was very old (at least in our eyes). Her youngest son was an occasional playmate of your editor. There was a most interesting spring in a nearby field. The house was shaded by a line of maple trees. That old lady is still living. We had an interesting visit with her this summer. She reports that she cannot remember the time when those beautiful maples were not just about as large as they are now. They look as if they were still in their youth and prime, ready to give shade to a couple more generations.

Our military duties in the field at Camp Drum took us into a wide expanse of north country that had once been dotted with farm homes before the camp was expanded. Noontime meals brought out from camp were usually eaten under the shade of trees planted around the homes that had disappeared. Not only were there trees but shrubs, and particularly the hardy lilac bushes.

These experiences are not unique with your editor. They are common to many of our readers. They remind us that the buildings of wood and stone raised by man's hand may rot and crumble even as man himself disappears from the scene. The living wood which man plants, frequently far outlives the planter. The man, however, who delights in the law of God shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. Beyond all time and space, beyond all earthly habitation the godly man shall be able to stand secure in the judgment. "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

LOVE IN THE MOSAIC LAW

Commenting on the Bible School lesson for Sept. 19, "Christian Love Without Limits," in the Alabama Christian Advocate, Dr. Foster K. Gamble uses the unusual above heading and quotes Scripture to show that there is love in the law. We quote:

"In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, 'Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.' Therefore, we search the Old Testament in our effort to find the source of that statement. From the Mosaic law we quote: 'Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart. Thou shalt not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' (Leviticus 19: 17-18.) Again we quote: 'If a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him; but the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself.' (Leviticus 19: 33-34.) Again we quote: 'If thou meet thy enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, thou shalt surely help with him.' (Exodus 23: 4-5.) We find no command to hate in the Mosaic law.

"The desire of the scribes and Pharisees to justify their own attitudes and conduct led them to misinterpret the Old Testament laws, so as to permit hatred of enemies. Jesus heartily condemned such attitudes and teachings."

Prayer Thought

Some churches publish prayer books. The Bible Societies publish the best of all prayer books, the Bible. The Book of Psalms is both a hymnbook and a prayer book. Its beautiful examples of prayer cover the whole range of thanksgiving and petition. Since it was written long before the Christian Era its references to Christ are only prophetic. We need only to add the fact of Christ's coming and the problems of New Testament church organization to bring the ancient book up to date. Let us pray with the poetry of Psalms and with the power of Paul!

MEMORY TEXT

For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3: 22-23.

ACTION ON NIGERIA

A Sample of Conference Discussion

"Last year at the vote of Conference the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church was encouraged to continue to keep open a line of communication with a group of Nigerian Seventh Day Baptists requesting recognition: (Seventh Day Baptist Year Book, 1953, p. 28.)

"We recommend that the General Conference commend the Salem Church for the work it has done and that the matter now be referred to the appropriate denominational agencies through the executive secretary."

The above is a partial report of the Committee on Missionary Interests which was brought to the floor of Conference on Friday morning. Though this was not a major item of business the discussion is interesting as a sample of Conference business. Clarence Rogers was recognized, speaking in these words:

"With reference to the motion, we have been faced at many times in the past with a problem of which denominational agency does have and should have the development of various projects. I think it is high time we began to settle and lay responsibility so that we will know what we are asking for and getting into. I would move that the motion be amended to place the Missionary Society as the responsible agency for carrying on the development of the program in Nigeria."

The amendment was seconded and the chairman of the committee, Rev. Alton Wheeler, asked the privilege to speak in regard to it. His remarks follow:

"The committee started to name the Missionary Society. It was our understanding, however, that the Tract Society might also have correspondence, and so we placed it in the hands of the executive secretary, believing that he would place it before the attention of the Co-ordinating Committee, which will include the Missionary Society, the Tract Society, and any

other agency which would be interested in or contribute toward it, and that if they agreed that it is to be placed in the hands of the Missionary Society that they will do so. It is our understanding from the visit of the secretary of the Missionary Society to our committee that we have not as a denomination defined what the duties of the Tract Society and Missionary Society are in such matters of inquiries of groups desirous of affiliating with us. Therefore, we left it open. I don't object to this, but we felt that it would end up in the same place."

The secretary of the Tract Society reminded the delegates that when correspondence had a bearing on missionary matters as well as tract matters it was the custom of the secretary to share that correspondence with the missionary secretary. He stated that he was a member of the Committee on African Interests of the Missionary Society. He felt that it was more logical to put the matter in the hands of the Missionary Society, knowing that the Tract Society would still attend to tract matters.

The president attempted to bring the amendment to a vote but Mr. Rogers wished to speak again. He said in part:

"We are attempting to unify a program. I feel that wherein we can it is wise to attempt to lay a specific job to a specific place. . . . I simply cannot see the wisdom of adding to his burdens (the executive secretary) the development of the mission field in Nigeria or whether it be wise or proper to develop the mission field in Nigeria. It seems to me it is strictly outside his realm. Any co-ordinating effort that he can make, well and good, but certainly to lay the responsibility pretty largely in his lap is to saddle him with a job which is not his fundamentally and from a practical point of view."

Mr. Wheeler then requested the floor again. He remarked as follows:

"It is our feeling — many members of the committee — that if this motion had appeared last year that this would never have been placed in the hands of the Salem Church. No matter involving our denomination and leading to the involvement of denominational funds should ever be placed in the hands of a given church.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE CREEK CHURCH

The Battle Creek Church is one of our younger congregations which has made an outstanding growth and is now about to celebrate its golden anniversary with a well-planned program emphasizing its past blessings, present service, and future hopes. This celebration is scheduled for the weekend of October 15-17, and forms the major portion of the program of the Northern Association.

A letter circulated "To All the Friends of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church" extends a cordial invitation to all such people "to be with us again upon this happy occasion, to return to their familiar surroundings and renew the friendships and ties of former years."

One advantage of a golden anniversary is that charter members can be present. The Sabbath eve service will feature short testimonials of senior members and greetings from former ministers. The growth and plans of the Sabbath school will be told at 9:45 Sabbath morning.

Featured speakers include Rev. Loyal F. Hurley on Sabbath morning with the theme, "My Church — Thee I Cherish"; Dr. W. B. Lewis and Dr. B. F. Johanson in the afternoon; and August E. Johansen at the evening session. This last speaker is a candidate for Congress from the 3rd Congressional District. He will pay tribute to the local church and its leaders.

Space does not permit much mention of the outstanding music planned, the party, and the Sunday morning business meeting of the association. The committee in charge is Mrs. George Parrish, Rev. Leland E. Davis, and Dr. E. C. Johanson.

It should have been placed in the hands of the Co-ordinating Committee last year. They would have asked some questions and gotten some answers, cleared some misunderstandings, tempered some nerves, and conserved us perhaps one year — if this had been done a year ago. I feel this line of action of the committee is in place."

Upon this the amendment was voted down by a standing vote and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE FIGURES
Have We Lost 1,780 Members?**

The Conference president at the close of his year's term of office left one item of unfinished business, the publicizing of the results of his study of church attendance in November, 1953, and April, 1954. Under date of September 15 he has now sent out to all the churches a three-page tabulation and evaluation of how well and how poorly Seventh Day Baptists seem to be attending their home churches. Since this is in mimeographed form, extra copies can probably be secured by writing to Rev. L. G. Osborn, Ashaway, R. I. If this tabulation is not posted in your church or has not been thoroughly brought to the attention of all church leaders we suggest that you get a copy and try to improve the figures for your church in the months to come.

Mr. Osborn lists the churches from highest to lowest in number of members, gives their average attendance in April and November and computes their rank in percentage attendance compared to membership reported in the 1953 Year Book. For instance, the Paint Rock, Ala., Church stands in first place since its April attendance was almost double its low membership. A church in West Virginia stands in 48th place with all the others ranging somewhere in between. We quote the Conference president's letter:

"Of the 37 churches reporting both months, April exceeded November by only 136.

"But numbers do not tell the story. A fairer way to check attendance is on the percentage basis. Attendance in April was only 52% of the membership of churches reporting. Then consider this fact, mentioned in the November report: Many children and other nonmembers attend — probably about 15%. That leaves 2,558 members attending, or 44%. Let us figure 25% for nonresident and shut-in members, which is probably more nearly correct than the 1/3 we figured last time. That leaves an able-bodied, resident membership of 4,338, which means that our attendance across the denomination during the month of April was only 59%. Where were the other 41% — the other 1,780 members? Does this mean that less than

3/5 of Seventh Day Baptists have any interest in or feel any responsibility to the church?

"Let's study percentages a little further. (I don't guarantee that the figuring is correct.) The top eight churches, accounting for over 1/3 of the attendance, averaged only 47%. The top half (24 churches with 69% of the membership) averaged 51%, and the lower half, 63%.

"The number attending any one church is not necessarily an index of greater or less interest. Take a look at those eight churches which reported over 100. Milton, for example, at the top of the list with 238, stood in 31st place on the percentage basis, tying with Albion, Fouke, New Auburn, and First Hebron at 48%. Shiloh, the second on the list in numbers, ranks only 26th in percentage. Alfred and Salem, the next two largest churches, in 3rd and 8th place, are below Friendship, North Loup, Adams Center, Ashaway, and Brookfield, standing in 41st and 42nd places — almost at the bottom. So the larger churches do not need to boast of their record, nor do the smaller churches need to feel ashamed in comparison. Most of our churches need to feel ashamed on the low per cent of attendance.

"You can do some figuring and make some comparisons with these figures below. They should inspire us to do something about those 1,780 able-bodied members who are nonattending, and probably non-co-operating in any way.

Paint Rock	196%
Hebron Center	135%
Hammond	112%
Daytona Beach	107%
Richburg	94%
Irvington	82%
Edinburg	78%
Waterford	75%
Berlin	74%
Riverside	73%
Salemville	73%
White Cloud	71%
Dodge Center	70%
Marlboro	69%
Lost Creek	68%
Farina	67%
Verona	67%
Denver	65%
Milton Junction	65%
Independence	64%

ITEMS OF INTEREST

His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, was the recipient of a full-length color film from Moody Bible Institute on his recent visit to Chicago. The film, "Prior Claim," is the latest of the institute's gospel-science films.

"This film will be used as a teaching tool in all our schools," said His Majesty. "It will be a great blessing to Ethiopian students. I enjoyed the film so much when I saw it last spring." The Emperor saw "Prior Claim" at a private screening at the palace in Addis Ababa last April.

Rev. R. Norris Wilson, associate minister and executive secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, has been named executive director of Church World Service. He will succeed Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield who has headed the agency since it merged with the National Council three and a half years ago.

The 42-year-old church leader will undertake his new responsibilities as executive director-elect, beginning September 1. He will take complete charge upon Dr. Fairfield's retirement next December 31.

Evangelist Billy Graham is back in the United States, after an amazingly successful speaking tour in Europe. He arrived on the Queen Mary, July 6. In Germany, though suffering from a painful kidney ailment, he kept his speaking engagement and addressed a crowd of 75,000. His total audience in Britain and on the continent is given as two and a half million. We can well rejoice with the angels over the souls won on foreign shores and can pray that this Baptist preacher may be given the strength for the campaigns in this country that lie before him, in the providence of God.

To date (June), 1,700,000 Scripture portions have been distributed by the Pocket Testament League to soldiers and civilians in Korea.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for October 16, 1954
The Way of Wisdom
Proverbs 3—4.**

Boulder	61%
Los Angeles	60%
Nortonville	60%
Putnam County	56%
Chicago	53%
Shiloh	53%
Leonardsville	52%
Battle Creek	50%
Westerly	49%
Plainfield	49%
Milton	48%
Albion	48%
Fouke	48%
New Auburn	48%
First Hebron	46%
Friendship	44%
North Loup	43%
Adams Center	41%
Ashaway	41%
Brookfield	40%
Alfred	36%
Salem	36%
Alfred Station	34%
Second Hopkinton	34%
Rockville	31%
Jackson Center	28%
New Market	26%
Berea	22%

"Let me thank all of you who prayed and worked to make the 1954 Conference a success, and those of you who had parts on the program, and others who worked so faithfully on committees — not forgetting, of course, those who worked 'behind the scenes' mostly, especially the local committee at Milton, under the efficient leadership of Professor Herbert Crouch.

"I bespeak for our 1955 president, Clarence M. Rogers, the same loyal support that you gave me. May 1955 be the greatest year in our denominational history!"

Notice

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held in The Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday the 10th of October, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before it. All delegates to the last session of the General Conference are entitled to vote at this meeting.

Neal D. Mills,
Executive Secretary.

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Association Themes Announced

The Pacific Coast Association, which for a number of years has had only a one-day meeting in the fall, is this year making it a full weekend, Oct. 8-10. The Friday-Sunday meetings are held in the new Los Angeles Church at 4976 North Figueroa Street. The theme is "Declaring the Glory of God."

The fall meeting of the Central Association will be held at DeRuyter, N. Y., on Oct. 9, 1954, convening at 11 a.m. The theme chosen is "The More Excellent Way." 1 Corinthians 12: 31.

For other fall meetings see page 135 of the Recorder of Sept. 27.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Pastor Victor Skaggs gave an interesting report of Conference, Sabbath morning, September 11.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society was entertained for its August meeting at the home of Mrs. John Williams of Oneida. The worship program was in charge of Mrs. Craig Sholtz. Prayer was offered by Mrs. William Vierow. The work of the day was making aprons.

A variety shower was given Miss Twila Sholtz in the church basement on the evening of September 18. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

A new heating system is being installed in the church. — Correspondent.

ASHTABULA, OHIO. — The Sabbath-keeping group in Ashtabula which has been holding weekly meetings for some time under the direction of Rev. Albert E. S. McMahan is not yet a church but it is now promoting home mission work in another locality. During the month of September their minister was released to hold special meetings under the direction of the Missionary Board in the Indianapolis, Ind., Church. A report of that effort will be welcomed by Recorder readers when it comes.

The meetings have been kept up satisfactorily during the absence of the minister. S. Kenneth Davis of RD 1, Bristolville, Ohio, has had charge of the services. The meeting time is 11 o'clock. For further information call the McMahan residence, 4008 State Avenue, Ashtabula, or write to Kenneth Davis.

College Courses in Religion

As a special encouragement to adults of the college area, the Executive Committee of the Milton College Board of Trustees has voted to reduce the auditing fee for the course in religion to \$5 per semester. This was done at the request of the local Ministers Council which sponsors the course and donates the services of its member to present it. The regular fee for auditing is \$15 per semester.

The course is entitled "Christian Religion Through the Centuries," and is one of the regular college classes. For the first semester it will be under the direction of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. It treats of the expansion of the Christian religion throughout the world under Catholic and Protestant auspices.

Salem College continues a rather wide selection of Christian education courses, although the resignation from the faculty of Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen entails the dropping of some courses in which he was especially qualified.

Rev. Rex Zwiebel of Lost Creek comes back to the campus to teach several of these courses in the day school. The president, K. Duane Hurley, also announces that Rev. Kenneth Kyre of Salem, W. Va., is the new professor teaching the courses for the night school classes.

OUR SERVICEMEN

Plainfield, N. J.

Pfc Peter T. Lewis, US 56199296
4th Armored Division Band
Fort Hood, Texas

Births

Brown. — A son, Kenneth Harry, to Lewis and Verle (Rinear) Brown, Elmer, N. J., Aug. 15, 1954.

Lupton. — A daughter, Susan Elizabeth, to Charles and Charlotte (Bonham) Lupton, Shiloh, N. J., Aug. 16, 1954.

Probasco. — A son, Robert Walter, to Dr. Robert and Doris (Hardesty) Probasco, Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 2, 1954.

Harris. — A son, Steven Arthur, to L. Hoover and Velma (Roberts) Harris, Shiloh, N. J., Sept. 16, 1954.

Hemminger. — A son, Garreth Duane, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hemminger of Camino, Calif., on May 4, 1954.

Vantrease. — A son, Dennie Wayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vantrease of Battle Creek, Mich., on Sept. 17, 1954.



Beth Severe and Joan Clement, our missionary nurses serving at Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland, as they appeared a little more than a year ago before they left this country. We can imagine that their smiles were just as broad when they welcomed the young couple, Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, who are presumed to have reached the mission station September 27.

LATE NEWS FLASH: The Pearsons arrived safely on schedule and planned to motor to the northern churches two days later. Look for letter in next issue. E. T. H.